

## LIFE IN WASHINGTON CITY.

## THE LATEST FACTS ABOUT MAJOR HODGE'S PROSECUTION.

**How a Paymaster May Steal Hundreds of Thousands and Nobody Be Responsible—The Mismanagement of Public Business.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Mr. Leroy Tuttle, Acting United States Treasurer in the absence of Gen. Spinner, has replied to Paymaster-General Brice's letter attempting to fix the responsibility upon the Treasury's office for the failure to discover at an earlier date the misappropriation of public funds by Paymaster Hodge. The grounds for holding the Treasurer responsible were the following:

First.—The letter addressed by the Treasurer to the Paymaster on the 8th of May, 1868, which he caused to be read to him, fully exonerated Hodge himself, that the very voucher which led to the discovery of his defalcation, and which he failed to submit to the Auditor General, was accepted in September, 1868, fully two months before his appointment to the regular army.

FISHMILL LAWYERS, Sept. 16.—A horrible case

of starvation in the O'Brien messenger troops has just been discovered in Stormville, Dutchess county, where the troops performed on Thursday night.

Connected with the troops was a performer known as Atalie, the man of the iron jaw, and a French woman, who is called the strong woman. He had a little boy, seven years of age, who, it is said, was purchased in Paris for \$100, as an auxiliary to their performances. The little fellow was thrown about by the man in various ways at the peril of his life.

In one scene he was fastened to the iron-jawed man by a bolt, and the two were drawn from the ground to the top of the tent, where the man fired a pistol and was let down; then in some way the little fellow was hoisted up the same distance, hanging by ingenious contrivances on the man's back. He was then required to pull the French woman, who was where he placed a sixpounder on her shoulder, and he got up on it and discharged it. It was therefore deemed that he should not become too heavy for the business.

While the company was in Stormville the French woman is alleged to have had a fit, and died in a room alone. Staggering to the window, he begged of the cook to cut up a leek and give him a piece of bacon and butter to eat. The cook did so, and he devoured it eagerly. Another boy, said to be the real son of the French woman, noticed the cook's action, and asked him what he was doing. The boy then turned and spoke to the man, who was then placed a sixpounder on his shoulder, and he got up on it and discharged it. It was therefore deemed that he should not become too heavy for the business.

The next fact is that the commission of Major Hodge was accepted by the Auditor General, April 17, 1870, when he was re-appointed and obliged to resign his bond, it implying a closing up of his accounts for the previous four years and a commencement entirely anew.

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**OBITUARY.**

**The Suicide of a Distinguished West Point Professor.**

On Saturday morning Dennis H. Mahan, Professor of Military and Civil Engineering at the Military Academy, West Point, leaped from the forward part of the steamer Mary Powell, while on the way to this city, and was drowned. It is supposed that he was struck by the wheel, as he was not seen to rise. Boats were lowered, and every exertion was made to save him, but in vain. The act had evidently been premeditated, but, being impulsive, he had resolved to do it at once. He was accompanied by a woman said to have been his housekeeper, who appeared to follow him up and down, as though suspicious of his intentions. She was with him when he called out, but he died the same night and was buried the next morning. The doctor said he died of starvation.

The troops went from Stormville to Pawling, about thirty miles from here, and there they were the principals in a disgraceful riot. Three or four hundred men presented arms, held them up, and shot into the air, and then, when the upstart troops were taken into the baggage car of the railroad restaurant, the mob broke into the baggage car and the train was stopped. The rebels were then driven off, and everything was entirely at the mercy of the scoundrels. Justice Stark telegraphed for police aid to Deputy Sheriff Dan of Dover, but that official failed to respond.

THE REPORTS UTTERLY USELESS.

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